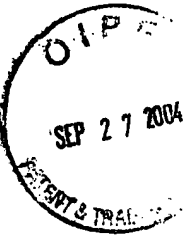


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Michael Vidal )  
Serial No.: 10/773,992 )  
Filed: January 26, 2004 ) Mailed: September 22, 2004  
For: HAND TOOL HANDLE )  
MODIFICATION SYSTEM )

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT  
AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement  
mailed August 27, 2004.

Applicant elects to pursue in this application  
Species IV, drawn to the embodiment shown in Figures 19-21.  
Applicant makes this election without traverse. The claim which  
is believed to read on this species is claim 14.

By the preliminary amendments herein, applicant  
withdraws the non-elected claims and amends claim 14 to be in  
proper independent form.